

Titusville Morning Herald.

Titusville, Friday, Dec. 7, 1896.

LOCAL MATTERS.

New Advertisements To-Day.

SPREADING MATTER ON EVERY PAGE.

Varieties.

A musical convention is in session at Meadville.

Judge Vincent held his first court in Crawford county on Wednesday.

Buy Harrie's History of the Venango Oil Region: No oil man's library is complete without it.

Charles Park, a brother of Mr. E. J. Park, of Plover, was run over and killed by the cars at Alliance, Ohio.

Hud and Co. are receipt of *Every Saturday*, *Harper's Weekly*, and all the New York periodicals for the current week.

The Titusville Literary Association will hold a regular meeting for literary exercises this evening. The public are invited to attend.

There will be a conference of the Lake Erie Association (University), held in Conneautville on Wednesday and Thursday, 19th and 20th of December.

There is an amateur "burial" company, also an amateur dramatic company, in Meadville. Both are rehearsing their parts and are soon to give public exhibitions.

A hotel clerk in Erie remarked to one of his guests who underwent payment: "That's a mighty hard looking bill." "Yes, I know it," was the reply, "but it ain't so hard as the fare."

An oil well was struck a few days since on Bennington Run. It is mostly owned by the Bennington Mutual Petroleum Company, and is pumping 200 barrels of 41 gravity oil per day.

A second raid was made by the police on Wednesday evening, on disreputable houses. Thirteen inmates were arrested, and escorted to the Mayor's office, where they were fined in the aggregate \$175, and then discharged, to go and sin some more.

It is hoped a Legislative appropriation will be made for the benefit of the commissioners appointed by Governor Curtin to attend the Paris Exposition. The Congressional appropriation has been entirely absorbed by President Johnson's commissioners.

We learn from the Meadville Republican that Hon. D. A. Finney is lying very seriously ill at Harrisburg, whither he cut a few days since on business. He is the guest of Governor Curtin.

At last accounts he was reported improving, but still in a critical condition.

The advertising space of *The Fair*, (the paper to be published under the auspices of the ladies of the M. E. Church at their coming festival,) is almost entirely taken up. The idea is an excellent one, and original with this society. We wish the project success.

Thenceforth books ordered by the City Council arrived by express yesterday from Buffalo. It weighs 935 pounds, and cost \$260. The American Express Company transported it from Buffalo to Titusville free of charge, an exhibition of liberality which should be held in due appreciation.

Conductor Van Duike, of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad was arrested on Tuesday, charged with embezzlement, and on examination was held to bail in the sum of \$5,000. He refused to give up his keys, pouch and the receipt for the last voyage, holding them as security for his monthly pay.

The Pittsburgh Council, at their last monthly meeting, passed a series of resolutions, instructing the City Solicitor to frame an act, to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Legislature, making it a penal offense to sell refined or illuminated oil, which should fail to stand a test of one hundred and ten degrees.

The Catholic Fair.

The St. Titus Church Society and congregation have nearly completed their preparations for their annual fair, which opens on Tuesday evening next and will continue during the week. The Crittenden (now City) Hall, recently purchased by J. H. Brown and L. P. Scoville, has been rendered exceedingly attractive by the improvements which have been effected within and without. The entire building has been handsomely repainted and the interior remodeled and dressed in holiday attire. It is well adapted to the purposes of the Society, and the arrangements for the fair and festival are now nearly perfected. The platform and equipments offer excellent facilities for tableaux and several exhibitions of this character are now in rehearsal by the little folk. The tables will be profusely supplied with useful and fancy articles of every description: toys, confectionery and refreshments. The most novel proposition, however, is in the form of "universal suffrage," the popularity of which is to be subjected to a practical test. The Rev. N. Mignault has procured a silver teacup which is to be presented to the citizen of Titusville who shall receive the highest number of votes from those attending the fair. Persons of every creed, profession, color, nationality and occupation, are to be considered candidates, and he who runs the best race is to be declared winner and will be presented with "the spoons." Doubtless there will be a very exciting contest. In the old war times, when the ladies' aid societies threw themselves into the Union breach and required the home guards to replenish their treasures and camp chests, there was no more interesting or profitable feature in their exhibitions than the balloting for military heroes, and the presentation of elegant awards. But "peace hath her victories no less renowned than war," and we presume there will be a lively competition next week among all classes of citizens for the novel distinction to be conferred by the first practical illustration of universal suffrage. The ministers, lawyers and doctors, the blacksmiths, butchers and bakers, the carpenters, coopers and coachmen, the fishermen, farmers and fiddlers, the gardeners, gunsmiths and gamblers, the iron-mongers, millers and "illegals," the jockeys, jokers and justices, the machinists, miners and menders, the oysters, ogles and office-holders, the plasterers, painters and policemen, the railroad men, runners and restaurateurs, the sailors, saddlers and sawyers, the tanners, tailors and tinkers, and the weavers, the welders and wagoners must all take their chances for the sweetest prize, and slide the popular verdict at the polls. There will be a poll-tax, by the way, of twenty-five cents per head. This is according to the laws of Pennsylvania, and can't be helped. The election will continue during the sessions of the fair, and everybody will be permitted to vote early and often—it is free for all! The scheme is ingenious, and will no doubt prove pleasant and profitable in its results.

PERSONAL.

We received a call yesterday from Mr. Hall, the canvassing agent and correspondent of the *Mining and Manufacturing Journal* of Pittsburgh. It is edited and published by J. A. Blake, Esq., at \$5.00 per year, and devoted as it is to the manufacturing and mining interests of this section, merits the support and encouragement of business men generally.

CALL at Eddy's and see their Oriental Parlor Furniture. Something new—it will heat your whole house.

Appleton Literary Society.

In forming the Appleton Literary Society, the object was to make it a place of interest as well as of instruction. A good many of our young folks are so bashful that they will not speak before an audience, even in the school room, and it was this backwardness that we proposed to remedy by making our society a pleasant company of young people, before whom no one would be too modest to speak. Your correspondence of forming a junior society to be connected with the Titusville Literary Association, in its some respect good, and in others not so good. The use of the library (supposing that it would be granted) might perhaps be an object to some; but the time of most of those who will join an association of this kind, is so taken up with studies and other matters, that they would have but little to devote to the library at any rate. There would be, in our estimation, another very serious objection to your correspondence's proposal, and that would be the loss of the ladies. We consider that they form a very important part in the undertaking. What X's idea of public improvement in connection with a Junior Literary Society are, we cannot divine. Let those who are interested in a Junior Literary Society attend the meeting of the Appleton's this evening and talk over the matter.

Decision of Chief Justice Carter in the

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

E. A. L. Roberts, Appellee, On appeal from D. K. Carter, Chief Justice, October 28, 1900.

THE COURT OF INTERESTS between the respondents, E. A. L. Roberts, Charles H. Roberts, and C. H. Roberts, for plaintiffs for a mode of using a flow of oil from the oil wells by means of other explosive material, and the oil wells, and the case makes it appear that Roberts was the first to demonstrate by practical work the advantages of the use of explosive material in the oil wells.

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Had Roberts, without reducing it to practice, demonstrated.

First, the single issue is: Is he who first conceives the patentable subject, or he who subsequently conceives and demonstrates, entitled to a patent?

The principle is familiar, that the party who first conceives the invention and afterward demonstrates it, is entitled to a patent.

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